

CANDIDATES' ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARLTON FOR COUNTY TREASURER

To the Democrats of DeSoto County:
I desire to announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the nomination at the coming Democratic Primary.

I am now serving my first term as County Treasurer, and it gives me a great deal of satisfaction to be able to say that my official duties have thus far been performed without error, discrepancy or delay. I have dealt impartially with all and have at all times been ready to render a full and faithful account of my stewardship.

I claim neither special credit nor consideration on account of these facts, however, as the people had neither right nor reason to expect anything short of the best service in this office. But I do desire to call attention of the voters, and especially those to whom I am indebted for this my first term in office, to the fact that I have kept a clean record which has been passed and approved by the State Auditor. If favored with a second term I pledge for the future the same strict attention to the duties of the office that I have given in the past.

I hope to meet the voters of the county personally during the campaign and express to my friends the gratitude I feel for favors in the past, as well as to seek their support at the coming primary.

HORACE L. CARLTON.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

To the Democratic voters of DeSoto County:

I desire to announce that I am a candidate for renomination to the office of county superintendent of public instruction, subject to the coming Democratic Primary.

I am now serving my first term having been recommended by your county Democratic executive committee, February 1913, and appointed by the governor, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. W. B. Hare. For this expression of public confidence, I wish to thank you.

If given the nomination to fill the unexpired term of two years, I shall continue to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability without fear or favor.

I have but one business and that is to make DeSoto county public schools second to none. I shall appreciate your support at the coming primary.

Respectfully,
JAS. O. BICKLEY.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR

I will be a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor for DeSoto County, subject to the Democratic Primary in June, and will appreciate your support. I thank my friends for past favors, assuring each of you that I will do all in my power to merit your support.

I am respectfully,
H. G. MURPHY.

FOR COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

To the voters of DeSoto County:

I hereby make my announcement for re-election to the office of Tax Collector for DeSoto County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held next June. I thank the voters of the county for their past support and again solicit their support for which I will be grateful.

Respectfully,
CYRIL BALDWIN.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

To the Democratic Voters of DeSoto County:

I am a candidate to succeed myself as representative in the state legislature, subject to the choice of the Democratic voters in the June primary.

I am indeed grateful for the honor you have conferred upon me in the past, and as an evidence of my appreciation I strive to render the very best service of which I am capable.

If again made your choice it will be my pride to endeavor to maintain the high confidence that is expressed in the choice of your vote by rendering to DeSoto a painstaking and earnest public service.

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QUITE CHILLY WEATHER

Punta Gorda Escapes Frost, But Sections North Suffer

The cold wave which swept over the whole country from Sunday till Tuesday morning, did no damage in this locality. A heavy rain Saturday night was followed by high, chilly north winds all day Sunday and Monday, during the prevalence of which the temperature fell steadily until, at dawn on Tuesday, thermometers about town registered 40 degrees Fah. Some thermometers recorded as low as 38.

It was generally agreed that Tuesday morning was the coldest of the winter, and some apprehension was felt about the vegetable crops. Reports from the truckers, however, were to the effect that nothing was injured. The high winds whipped and damaged tomato plants, and that was the only injury reported.

North of this county, the cold was very severe and inflicted great damage upon the growing crops of vegetables and melons. Indeed, even in this county, in the northern part of it, the temperature in some places is reported to have fallen on Tuesday morning as low as 32 degrees. Of course, that means freezing and wholesale destruction of tender vegetables.

Orange trees in the mid-peninsular counties have escaped injury, but it is feared that much of the blossom has been affected and that the coming crop in those counties will be short.

It has been many years since we have had in Florida as severe cold as this after the middle of February; in fact, a frost rarely ever occurs in South Florida in March.

While we sympathize with the sufferers in the counties north of us, we feel disposed to congratulate our Punta Gorda truckers on the assurance that the misfortune of those in less favored regions will result in higher prices for produce shipped from here. This extreme southern section is evidently the safest in Florida for winter gardening.

Since the above was put into type a telegram came here from Fort Lauderdale, on the east coast, saying that 5,000 acres of vegetables there were killed by Tuesday's frost. Fort Lauderdale is 40 miles further south than Punta Gorda.

A gentleman was here yesterday from the Caloosahatchee river country, 28 miles south of Punta Gorda, buying plants to re-set 200 acres of tomatoes which he said had been killed by frost Tuesday morning.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FLORIDA AUDUBON SOCIETY

The Florida Audubon Society will hold its thirteenth annual meeting on Tuesday, March 3, at the president's house, Rollins College, Winter Park, and all lovers of birds, as well as all who believe in the policy of conserving the wild life of the country, are invited to attend.

More progress has been made in the matter of bird protection, at least so far as federal and state legislation is concerned, during the past year than in the previous quarter-century, and it is the object of the Florida Audubon Society to arouse still further interest throughout the state in this vital concern, and bring it to bear in the better enforcement of our laws.

The "white badge of cruelty," the albatross, is still bought and sold in considerable quantities at various points in Florida, despite the laws prohibiting this, and the number of our song and insectivorous birds seems still to be diminishing everywhere, involving serious loss for our farmers and fruit growers.

It is hoped that as many as possible of those who have this matter at heart will attend the meeting on March 3.—W. F. BLACKMAN, President.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FLORIDA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Florida State Horticultural Society will take place at Palatka, Fla., beginning Tuesday, May 5th, and lasting through Wednesday, Thursday and the forenoon of Friday. The members of the Program Committee are now hard at work, and they expect to have something interesting, and are trying to get some speakers on horticultural topics.

The entertainment committee of Palatka is preparing for all of the entertainment that the members can indulge in and not conflict with the regular meeting.

Don't forget the date of the meeting, May 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

Don't forget to send in your membership dues of \$1.00 to secretary, Okie C. Painter, Box 137, Jacksonville, Fla. You will receive full information with regard to the program, rates, etc., later.

CHARLES WHITE

Charles White, a pioneer citizen of Cleveland, died here Monday night, aged seventy years, and was buried in Pineapple River cemetery yesterday. He had been sick for several days and came to Punta Gorda to be where he could receive medical attention, and his death occurred shortly after his arrival here, and resulted from constitutional complications. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and two sons, who have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

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SPECIAL ELECTION

In Neighboring District Tuesday Carried For Bonds by Safe Majority

Based on partial returns from the election held in a portion of commissioner's district No. 2 on Tuesday, it is estimated that the proposition to create a special road and bridge district and issue bonds to the amount of \$60,000 for improved highways was ratified by a safe majority.

The Charlotte Harbor precinct voted 15 to 9 for the proposition; Grove City was solid for it; Murdock was divided and Platt is supposed to have voted against it.

In the obscure of official returns and until the vote as canvassed is given out, results cannot be stated in detail; but it is generally conceded that the proposition carried safely.

A FEW FACTS CONDENSED

PERTAINING TO PUNTA GORDA AND VICINITY

Information for the Homeseeker, the Investor and Those in Search of Health, Recreation, Etc.

For the purpose of supplying information such as is desired by many people of other sections who are interested in this locality the following facts are given:

Punta Gorda is on the Charlotte Harbor Division of the Atlantic Coast Line R. R., 395 miles south of Jacksonville, 80 miles east of south from Tampa on the south side of Charlotte Harbor, 25 miles from its mouth, Boca Grande. Its population by the Federal census of 1910 was slightly in excess of 1200, but this number has been considerably increased by people who have located here since the census was taken, and the number of people in the town now is variously estimated at from 1,500 to 2,000. Of this population about 300 are black people.

There are Methodist, Baptist, Episcopal and Presbyterian churches with regular services for white people, and Methodist and Baptist churches for negroes. A public school for white children, embracing grammar and high school departments, employs eleven teachers and has an enrollment of several hundred pupils. A private finishing school is also maintained. The negroes have a good public school with two teachers and an enrollment of about forty pupils.

The taxation for city, county and state purposes is not considered excessive, and considering that property heretofore has been assessed at about one-third its real value there has been little occasion for dissatisfaction from this source.

The town contains two substantial banks, an excellent telephone system with connections all over the neighboring counties; post office, telegraph and express offices; several private boarding houses, four hotels; plenty of grocery, dry goods, drug and other stores to supply all the demands of the trade; machine, wagon and boat shops; ice factory, bottling works, three cigar factories, a livery stable, newspaper and job printing office, bakery, restaurants, a town hall; flourishing lodges of Masons, Woodmen of the World and Red Men; plant for making concrete building blocks; five lawyers, four physicians, one dentist, a number of real estate men, etc., etc.

The chief industry is fishing, in which six wholesale firms with 300 or more men are engaged. Capital invested in the business is estimated at \$150,000, and large shipments of fish on ice are made almost daily during fishing seasons. The bulk of the fish shipped are mullet, but many pompano, Spanish mackerel, bass, trout, sheep-head, snapper and other fine food fish are shipped. The oyster business is small.

Next to fishing, the cultivation of fancy pineapples engages most attention, as the profits of this industry often reach \$500 an acre. It requires about \$1500 to properly prepare and plant an acre in pineapples, but after this, \$200 a year would cover the cost of cultivation. The plants bear in twelve to eighteen months after planting and continue to bear annually thereafter without replanting for five or six years.

Truck farming is an industry yet in its infancy and offering good returns on intelligent and well directed efforts. All kinds of vegetables yield good crops. Profitable and easy crops to raise are sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes and sugar cane, which pay \$150 to \$300 per acre.

Oranges, grapefruit, lemons and limes are successfully grown; so are some other fruits of lesser note.

Prices of town lots and of lands out of town vary so greatly that it is impracticable to give quotations here; but almost any one who does not expect to find in a new and sparsely settled country like this, the improvements and conveniences of Ohio and Massachusetts, can find here something to suit him in price and character, whether he wishes improved or unimproved property.

The town government consists of a mayor, marshal, five aldermen, clerk, collector and assessor and a treasurer. The streets are hard-surfaced and so are miles of public roads leading into town; and the people of the town and surrounding territory have recently voted in favor of the creation of a special road and bridge district and the issuance of \$200,000.00 of bonds for the construction and improvement of highways. The town has voted \$60,000.00 in bonds for sewerage and water works.

The location is one of the healthiest to be found anywhere, as is shown by vital statistics kept by the local health officer.

A man can work out of doors here any and every day in the year. Prostrations from heat never occur. The climate here is ideal the year round.

Flowing artesian wells may be obtained here at varying depths, and a number of them are now in use in and about town, some for irrigation and others for supplying drinking water, etc. The water from these artesian wells contains mineral

properties and is said to possess medicinal value, some citizens claiming to have been cured of various ailments by drinking it freely. The town owns two of these wells, a small one which supplies a public drinking fountain and a large one that supplies fire protection through a main laid for the purpose.

Our people are from various states and countries and are very liberal and tolerant in their views and opinions. They are hospitable to respectable strangers, generous to their neighbors, to the poor and needy, progressive and enterprising to the extent of their means, law-abiding and united for the common welfare of their community. No kinder, better people are to be found anywhere.

There are but few dwellings or cottages for rent, but those that are renting bring from \$10.00 up per month.

Opportunities for amusement and recreation are varied and abundant, the finest fishing in the world is offered; there's boating, bathing and other outdoor sports that may be had.

In conclusion, whatever your object may be, whether business or pleasure, investment or recreation, health or happiness of any kind, it will be to your interest to visit Punta Gorda, where a cordial welcome awaits all good people regardless of whence they come or what may be their politics or religion.



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